

certificates in the field of whose usefulness appears to be unlimited. In ordinary every day life accidents are continually occurring, and sickness and nursing which has been given in these classes may often enable them to go to the suffering and save life. But if this is to be done, the consequences in the minds of our defenders that at their back there will be a band, as I might truly say, of ministering angels, to bind up their wounds and attend to their injuries, would add a moral stimulus to the defence value of which would be very great. As one of my main duties as commander of the forces here is to make continual arrangements so that all may be fully prepared for immediate war, and in doing so, to call to every officer and soldier his duty, I think a fitting sequel to this course of preparation would be to allot a place, a definite sphere of action in the defence arrangements to all those ladies who have obtained certificates. If I do so, I shall hope to see them taking their places whenever for practice I call the garrison to arms, or as we call it "mobilise." While saving of the ladies who have obtained certificates I have been reminded by Dr. Canfield and I must not omit to mention the very creditable certificate of the first Chinese lady who has ever obtained a certificate, which I presented with great pleasure. I hope this will be very far from the last such case. I hope that the Hongkong branch of this Association will continue to prosper, and under the able and energetic direction of Dr. Canfield, to whom is due a great part of the credit for their work, they will continue to flourish and increase in numbers.

HONGKONG FOOTBALL CLUB.

The annual meeting of members of this club was held yesterday evening in the H. K. C. C. pavilion, when there were present—Messrs. J. Armstrong, L. H. Waller, E. C. Farnham, H. W. Slade, S. L. Darby, R. F. Lamme, Dr. J. M. Atkinson, E. Hutchinson, R. M. Wick, Junr., A. Sharp, F. Malland, E. A. Ram, L. Young, H. Gedge, K. Stevens and W. H. Wallace (secretary).

On the motion of Mr. Darby, seconded by Mr. Wallace, Dr. Atkinson was elected to the chair.

The chairman said that as the report of the committee for the past season had been in their hands for the last few days he would not read it, but felt that they would agree with him in saying that the last season had been by far the most favourable since the origin of the club. This he thought was due to a great extent due to the able efforts of their secretary (cheers). Somehow, when Mr. Wallace was secretary everything seemed to go well. From the report it would be seen that about 30 matches had been got up, and that entailed a great deal of work, getting up teams, arranging the details, etc. The committee therefore suggested that Mr. Wallace be re-elected by Mr. Gedge, who had kindly undertaken to do all the work in connection with Rugby matters. The thanks of the members were accorded to Mr. Wallace, who had done the work of a secretary during the past season. The accounts showed a small credit balance. He moved that the report and accounts be adopted. As to the Committee, it was proposed that the members already existing be re-elected, with the exception of Mr. Stewart-Lockhart in place of Mr. Blair, and of course Mr. Gedge would be on the Committee, in place of Capt. MacDonagh, who had left the colony. Mr. Stewart-Lockhart had always taken a great interest in the club, and now that he had returned to the colony he would be a valuable addition. As to the present season, the club had begun well by beating the Cricket Club at cricket (laughter) and there was every prospect that the next season would be better than the last.

The Secretary, while thanking the members for their recognition of his services, added that Mr. Matland had been of great assistance last year. A great deal of the credit of getting up matches was due to him. The membership was now as large as it had ever been, and he thought more active. There were 88 members already, and new ones coming in. It would be seen from the report that the Association players had pretty well adopted the Club's colours, but the Rugby teams still appeared in variegated colours as before. As playing days, Mondays and Thursdays had been secured, as before. One thing he would like to ask—that they would turn up better than they did last year. For two months at all events, December and January, they had had to play in darkness, owing to late comers. The season, he might add, would open as soon as the weather changed. Mr. Ram suggested that five or six Association teams could be got up to compete for a challenge cup—a Public Schools' team, officers and men R.E., a Bank's team, officers and men R.A., a Public Service team, officers and men R.A., etc. There might be some small trophy if sufficient men could be got together—not necessarily all being members.

After a little discussion the report and accounts were passed and the officers re-elected, with the alterations mentioned.

Mr. Armstrong proposed that the Government be asked to allow the Club to move to a higher up, near where the pond was. The Polo Club had decided to make a similar request. The higher ground was drier and more level.

The Secretary thought the low-lying land far better, and moved as an amendment that the Club stay where it was. The amendment was carried.

ANOTHER TAIKOO ATROCITY.

A SHIP'S OFFICER VICTIMISED.

One of the most prolific sources of outrage of various kinds rampant in China, and especially in Hongkong, is the excess of zeal displayed by Mr. Edwin Mackintosh in his whole-souled devotion to what he imagines is his duty to Messrs. Butterfield & Swire, inasmuch that he apparently has no spare time to attend to the ordinary duties of humanity and fair-play, or even the commonest principles of common sense and business prudence. The latest exhibition of this individual's short-sighted, headless, Shylock-hearted justice was afforded in the police court yesterday, when with most brutal disregard of the courteous, well-expressed and valuable advice of one of the best judges of the Hongkong Bench he ever knew, Mr. Mackintosh persisted, and through the clumsy nature of a local ordinance and the victim's very innocence and trust in his employers' good faith—succeeded in a line of policy, which will more than anything that has previously happened, make the names of Butterfield & Swire despised, and their service shamed all over the Far East.

The origin of the trouble was the smuggling of arms on board the *Sunghang* to North China. The Chinese authorities seized the arms, fined the ship \$500, and there it was thought was an end of the matter. When the vessel arrived at Swatow, however, the Chinese officials intimated that it would please them greatly if the Captain could afford facilities for the

arrest of the whole of the Chinese on board, in connection with the Taku affair. (A rumour of this got to Hongkong, but was so distorted that it was made to appear as if the fresh lot of arms had been seized. We applied to Messrs. Butterfield & Swire for information, but all they would say was that nothing happened in Swatow at all. It may be that they deliberately said what they knew was incorrect, but it is more charitable to suppose that they really did not know what they were talking about. It matters little.) As we are informed, the mandarin, or whoever he is, could not have arrested anybody on board a British ship without permission, from the Captain or the British Consul, and so to save trouble Captain Dodd agreed to get all his men to sign off, thus putting themselves beyond the protection of the flag. Our informant further states that it was thought necessary, whether on account of some peculiar point of law, or as a matter of convenience, or simply as a blind to the Chinese stokers etc.—anyhow it was decided to get the whole ship's complement, white, yellow, and otherwise, to sign off. Of course they were told they would be at once taken on again, and it was only a matter of time, and so on. Trusting to the *bona fides* of Butterfield & Swire—what a store of confidence they must have possessed!—they did as requested without a murmur, and without really thinking the matter over at all, or clearly knowing what they did. Then the Celestial portion of the ship's company went ashore and were promptly arrested and put in gaol to undergo Chinese trial (good old style) for the offence committed at Taku which had been already wiped off by the fine of \$500. A new crowd of coolies were shipped to man the vessel, the white men went on the articles again, and once more every body thought there was an end of the trouble. But there wasn't. Entirely apart from the injustice of turning over the whole ship's crew to the tender mercies of a Tootle's inquisition for what was, to a certain extent at any rate, the fault of Butterfield & Swire's own cargo supervisors in Hongkong, an opportunity occurred of saving (tuppence), and they grabbed it. When the second officer, Mr. Wiltshire, went to draw his pay for the month, he expected to get a bonus which Messrs. Butterfield & Swire promised every three months to their officers so long as nothing goes wrong. Now, something had gone wrong, this arms business; though Mr. Wiltshire claims that the incident occurred after the expiration of the three months for which he could not sign off. They had a friendly talk over the matter, and he further maintains that the smuggling was no affair of his, and he could not be held responsible for the actions of everybody on earth—which is true enough. So, being refused what he thought his due, he told his skipper that he did not wish to sail in the ship any more, and wanted to sign off. Capt. Dodd at first said that it was all right and he could do so, but after consultation with the lords of the earth it was found that a substitute was not easily procurable, and in fact if Wiltshire left, the ship would have to sail without a second officer. So the Captain went back and told his sub, that he could not sign off. They had a friendly talk over the matter, and he further maintains that the smuggling was no affair of his, and he could not be held responsible for the actions of everybody on earth—which is true enough. So, being refused what he thought his due, he told his skipper that he did not wish to sail in the ship any more, and wanted to sign off. Capt. Dodd at first said that it was all right and he could do so, but after consultation with the lords of the earth it was found that a substitute was not easily procurable, and in fact if Wiltshire left, the ship would have to sail without a second officer. So the Captain went back and told his sub, that he could not sign off.

Log him! Log him! Have him in gaol! Make him sit up! Log him! Take him before the magistrate! and so on. *Nat justitia, ruat calum.* The next thing Mr. Wiltshire knew about it was that he was under arrest. The case was "rushed" as if it had been an Opium Ordinance in a hurry, and the prisoner had but time to get time to a lawyer to come to his aid when the case was well advanced. The Captain had told the Harbour Master that the officer was one of the best in the service; he was not now allowed a chance to similarly give him justice. Mr. Mackintosh, when asked a fair question as to the man's trustworthiness, declined to answer. Was it because he knew more than Capt. Dodd, and was too good-hearted to say so? Oh, yes, of course, that must have been it. But what was Mr. Wiltshire's lawyer about in not insisting on his client's innocence when called upon? But Mr. Mackintosh could not oblige his Worship. Messrs. Butterfield & Swire wished to crush out this smuggling, and to prevent officers from taking bribes by convicting at it. His Worship would kindly mind his own business and do as he was told. There being no help for it, Mr. Wiltshire was sentenced to seven days' imprisonment without hard labour. He will have plenty of time to think over his course of action against Messrs. Butterfield & Swire on his release, and meanwhile will direct the attention of the executive of the local Mercantile Marine Officers' Association to a case which would certainly appear to merit their most careful consideration.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.)

A SHIPPING SCANDAL.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."

SIR,—Knowing that your journal is always open to those who seek justice, I beg permission to address a few lines to my brother officers of the *Sunghang* case, which I hope you will kindly insert. Mr. James Wiltshire, second mate of the British steamer *Sunghang*, was yesterday taken before Mr. Wise at the Magistracy and charged with "refusing to obey a lawful order" of Capt. Dodd, the master of that vessel, which is one of our regular coasters and owned by Messrs. Butterfield & Swire.

Now Sir, this important firm engage men to officer their ships at a lower rate of wages than other Companies trading on the coast of China, but they stipulate to make this up by giving them a periodical bonus.

As we have read in the *Hongkong Telegraph*, the *Sunghang* has lately been in trouble with the Customs in the North, for having arms and munitions of war on board which were intended to be smuggled into China. Who is responsible for this? Surely not the ship's officers? They, in fact, have little or nothing to do with the cargo, as there is a compromise and his staff on board who take all responsibility, and the command has to do substantial loyalty to the firm. Now if these arms were on board, it must or ought to have been known to this man; therefore one would think that he would be the only one to blame; but the *Taikee* firm, who underpay their men and get them to sign an agreement for six months, by promising a bonus, thought otherwise, and in my opinion they beneamed themselves in refusing to pay this bonus to Mr. Wiltshire on account of a thing happening that the second officer was in no way responsible for. Mr. Wiltshire, a man with a record of 25 years in the Mercantile Marine, was asked to be paid off, and I should like to know, Sir, if a British officer cannot demand to be paid off from a coasting vessel flying the English flag in

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this, a British Colony? The law is that any British officer on a British ship on coasting articles can demand to be paid off at any British port on that coast at 24 hours notice. Butterfield & Swire broke their contract by not paying the bonus.

In the first place, Mr. Wiltshire, after being refused the bonus, asked the Captain if he would allow him to leave the ship; this being refused he appealed to the Harbour Master, who advised him to return on board; this he did, and was perfectly willing to go to sea again; but the dignity of the firm had to be vindicated, and he was not allowed. Instead, the second officer of the *Tamut* was put on board, as the Captain is said to have refused to comply with B. & S.'s orders to go short-handed, and Mr. Wiltshire was sentenced to seven days' imprisonment.

As a seafaring man I hope this matter will be taken into serious consideration by our local Marine Officers' Association, and that the case will not be allowed to drop just where it is, and also that it will be the means of teaching ships' officers on this coast a salutary lesson.

I remain, Sir,
Yours obediently,
SUI JURE.

Hongkong, 24th October, 1891.

CHINKIANG.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

October 17th.

Two natives were arrested a few weeks ago at Serway upon suspicion of being connected with the *Kolau-kwei* Society. They were brought here and decapitated yesterday morning at daybreak. One of the heads was brought to the Free Ferry landing this morning, and suspended in a wooden cage, and the other head hung up in a similar manner on the Bridge of Boats crossing the Grand Canal. They are to remain several days exposed. A successful ruse was played by the two runners in charge of the heads yesterday. During the bustle of the afternoon they brought those hideous symbols of Celestial justice into one of the most frequented business thoroughfares, and there exposed them. The store-keepers and merchants remonstrated at this proceeding, but the runners could not be persuaded to take away the heads until the shop-keepers gave them a heavy squeeze. The executioner, from the appearance of the heads, must have bungled over his ghastly work. Several horrible gashes were made at the back of the skulls. The sight is, needless to say, sickening, and it is hoped that the officials will have them removed speedily.

The Customs *tingchal*, night-watchman and head road-cooler, who were arrested on suspicion of knowing something of the *Kolau-kwei*, mention of whom was made in the columns of the *Mercury* a few days ago, were released, but were again arrested on the 14th instant and are now confined, awaiting their trial—*Shanghai Mercury*.

NEWS AND GOSSIP.

Bavaria's mad King is growing worse. "On Stanley, on," is on his feet again. A French cook says coffee should be filtered. English railways earn over \$3,750,000 a week. The population of Russia is estimated at 110,000,000.

A Russian exhibition at Paris has been projected for 1892.

An elephant larger than Jumbo has been captured in Africa.

In France they use electricity to kill guinea pigs and other pests.

The broad gauge will cease to exist in Great Britain in May, 1892.

About \$1,000,000 worth of articles are pawned in London every week.

Denmark has removed the embargo on pork from the United States.

An electric elevated road is to be established in Berlin on the south side.

Russia exported 112,000,000 bushels wheat in 1888 and only 30,000 in 1889.

The street accidents in London last year numbered 5,728, of which 144 were fatal.

It is not possible to obtain in France a bottle of pure cognac brandy under 25 francs.

The Liverpool sailmakers are angry because sewing-machines are being used for sailmaking.

There were more than twenty times as many Germans in London as there are Englishmen in Germany.

A carrier pigeon taken from the vicinity of Berlin to London, having escaped, flew direct to its old home.

Oil fields greater in extent than any others in the world have been discovered in the region of the Caspian Sea.

Archdeacon Farrar maintains that it is only an ignorant theology that can assume science to be hostile to religion.

Twenty thousand French workmen will go to Rome and ask the Pope to institute social reforms in their behalf.

A single-rail railway is to be built from Fears to Paris, France. The line will be about ten and a half miles long.

Professor Klewicz of Cracow reports a series of successful experiments in curing cancer with a remedy called "Cancerin."

Recent examinations have shown that the amount of soot which falls in London each month would require 1,000 horses to cart it away.

Italy's deficit for the last fiscal year was \$18,000,000, and in spite of all the talk as to economic reforms the standing army is being increased.

Bounties were paid for 61 bears, 30 wolves, 49 lynxes, 6,016 foxes, 739 eagles and 4,339 hawks in Norway last year. The supply is not exhausted.

The attorney of the great Northern Railway stated recently in court that 27,000 persons were actually detected in attempts to defraud the Company last year.

In an account of the expansion of cotton spinning in Germany, it is shown that the spindle power added during the last two years exceeds half a million spindles.

One of the many *affaires galantes* of the late King William of Holland is embodied in the romance of "The Clemenceau Case," by Alexander Dumas *filz*.

The Medical Board of Saxony will advocate the framing of a statute which will make it possible, under certain conditions, to place drunkards under guardians.

It is now the intention of European engineers to store the waters of the Nile to such an extent as to enable a greater extension of the cotton and sugar-cane crops in that region.

Eight thousand Jewish residents of Odessa are under notice of expulsion. The majority of these people own real estate in and about the city, and nearly all are engaged in business.

There are now twenty-seven royal families in Europe, which have about four hundred and sixty male members. Of these twenty-seven families, no less than eighteen are German.

Norway is becoming observed as a country for sportmen. One rich Englishman has leased a tract almost as great as Yorkshire, which includes almost every sort of shooting that the country affords.

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